

Women and Children in Servia Are Starving As Result of War

Representative of Servian Church in United States Says
Conditions Among the Helpless Are Deplorable and
Asks Aid; Federal Council of Churches
to Renew Efforts For World Peace.

REV. SEBASTIAN DABOVICH, who is at the head of the Servian Orthodox church in this country, representing here the archbishop of Belgrade, reports terrible suffering by women and children throughout Servia. Three wars in three years have dried up benevolence. Orphanages founded to care for children left from earlier wars are declared by him to be without food supplies. These orphanages include one founded by princess Helena and the wife of the Russian ambassador at Belgrade. The children of small trades people, with parents at war, are starving.

The Servian church in Servia, and congregations of it in the United States, are organically independent of the Russian church, but closely allied with it. Its form of service is the same. Servian congregations exist in New York, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago, throughout some parts of the northwest and in San Francisco. Many members of them volunteering to go back to Servia to fight, have been unable to secure passage. They are forming relief societies, both men and women leading, but pastor Dabovich states that Servians are unable to contribute all relief needed. Americans must come to their aid if they are not to die.

Pastor Dabovich makes the point that the eastern church is often charged with over-conscientiousness, and lack of all of the spiritual care that ought to exercise. Now he must desire that his church act quickly. Bishop Vincentius of Tschib, bishop Barnabas of Tschib, both in historic Macedonia, bishop Desheus of Nish, and archbishop Metropolitans, primate of Montenegro, report terrible sufferings and appeal through pastor Dabovich for assistance. The headquarters of the Servian church in this country are, by courtesy during the war, at the Russian cathedral of St. Nicholas, in New York.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HAS CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE
Laymen of the church of England, who already had a legislative body of their own, to see to it that plans made by lay mind go to the church, have been along with plans made by clerical mind, have now established a central board of finance, and upon its membership have taken one of the most important steps in the history of the church. The board is representative of both provinces, Canterbury and York, and has upon it, not merely the clergy, but laymen from the middle ranks, bankers and lawyers, artisans and successful tradesmen.

Loyal to the hierarchy, the board nevertheless assumes powers sufficient to give it control of funds intended for new buildings for the training of young men for the ministry, and to a considerable extent for world missions. Laymen in churches in America are moving along similar lines, but have not yet got so far as in England. Baptists and Congregationalists have recently remade their benevolent machinery on these lines, and Presbyterians, because of deplorable mission work, have been doing so for some time. Episcopalians, quite unofficially now, but aiming eventually to influence their official bodies, are working for better business methods, larger achievements for dollars expended, and better management of the \$18,000,000 a year which Episcopalians in the United States contribute. England's central board is held to be a forerunner of plans that are to extend through all religious bodies, here and abroad.

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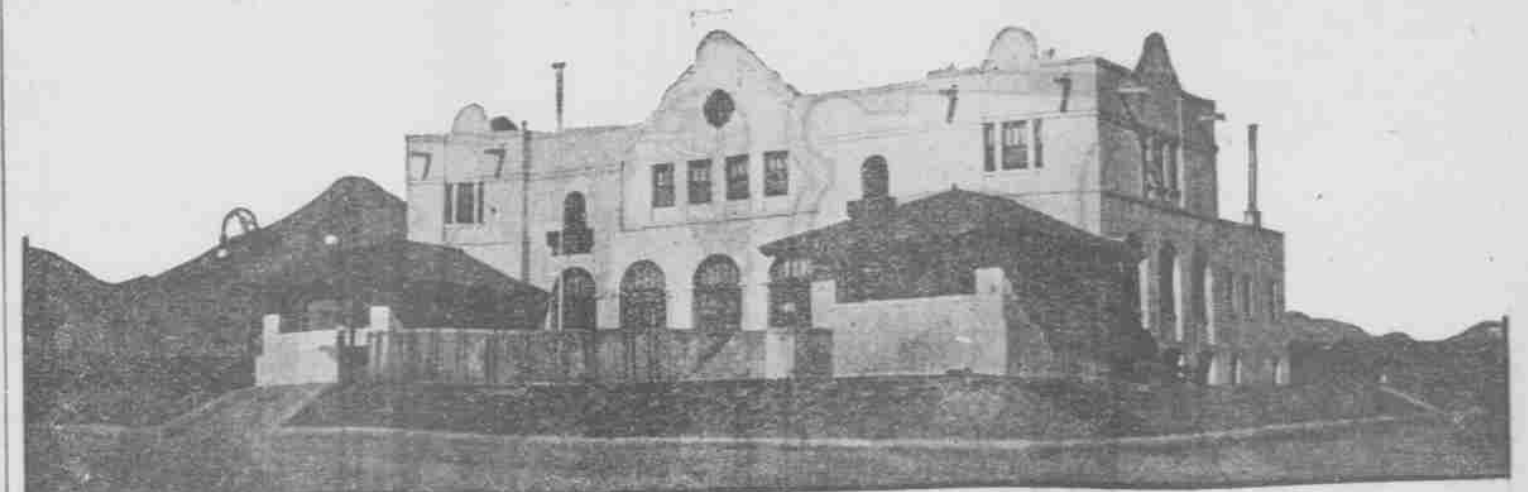
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COMET APPEARS WITH GREAT WAR

History Reveals that Most
Big Wars Are Attended
With Comets.

New York, Aug. 29.—Every great war in the world's history has had its comet, and the present titanic conflict in Europe is no exception. Paul T. Delevan, an astronomer, has the honor of having his name attached to the free lance of the skies, which will go down in history and science as the comet of the war of 1914.

When Delevan discovered his comet from the conservatory of La Plata, in the Argentine republic eight months ago, there was no sign of great trouble, the traveling body has been steadily growing brighter, and it will become visible to the naked eye very shortly, reaching its greatest brilliancy in the course of the present war.

Superstitious people might find much in the beginning of the great struggle to convince them that war is a sin, and that its makers are frowned on by God. On Aug. 18, the Roman Catholic church, died the direct result of worry over the great slaughter. On Aug. 21 there was an eclipse of the sun, which over a part of Russia and other European territory where war is raging. The coming of a great comet might by the ignorant be construed as an omen.

May Be Visible For Six Years.
When Delevan first saw the comet, on December 17, 1912, it was 37,000 miles from the sun, and was not very clear even with the telescope. At present it is about 220,000,000 miles from the sun, and may be seen with opera glasses in the northeast part of the sky, late at night, and early in the morning. Scientists have said that the comet will be visible with telescopes for a period stretching over about six years.

It will come nearest to the earth in October, when it will be no more than 147,000,000 miles from the orbit of this globe. Although the atmosphere in most cities makes photography of the sky extremely difficult, some excellent results have been obtained in several cities of the United States by those who have attempted to take pictures of the new wanderer of the heavens. The tail of Delevan's comet is a bushy one and is about three degrees in length. As was predicted by the discoverer, the comet has become one of the "bright" ones, visible to the naked eye, as distinguished from the "telescope" comets never seen by unaided lay observers. The new comet now is not far from the constellation of Capella, and from Castor and Pollux.

During the Franco-Prussian war, which is vividly recalled by the war now raging, the comet Tempel II was visible, and attracted much attention as a "war comet." Other comets have been visible when Napoleon met his downfall at Waterloo. In the course of the Japanese-Russian war, Brook's comet came within sight of the earth.

The army work in continental Europe will be bankrupt and its equipment ruined.

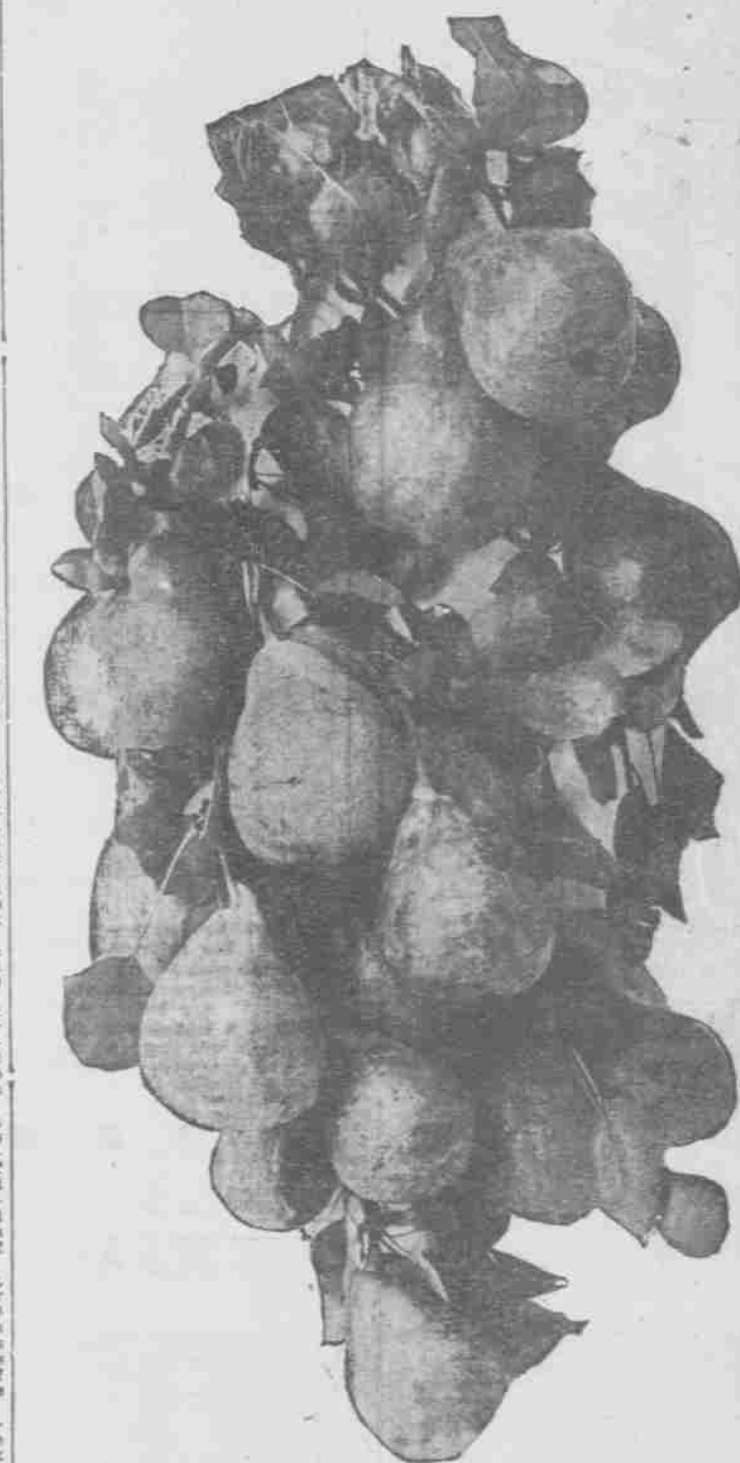
DECIDE TO HOLD PEACE CONFERENCE DESPITE WAR

At the moment European nations were declaring war Christian leaders from many nations, assembled in London, formed the World Alliance of Churches for International Friendship. Part of the men composing the 40 members of the executive committee were those just arrived from Constantinople, Germany, by train provided by the German kaiser, driven out of Germany by the war. J. Allen Baker, M. P., the famous advocate and Quaker, was named chairman; Rev. Dr. William P. Merrill, pastor of the Brick Presbyterian church, New York, vice chairman, and Rev. Dr. Frederick Lynch and W. H. Dickson, M. P., secretaries.

Without regard to the outcome of the present war it was decided to hold in London next summer a peace conference to show as its subject "The Churches and International Friendship," and committees were named to prepare papers and conference arrangements. All of these things were done while soldiers were leaving for the front, and crowds were reading war news bulletins.

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RUSSIANS RAPIDLY INVADING GALICIA

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PROTESTS AGAINST BURNING LOUVAIN

Washington, C. Aug. 29.—Formal protest against the burning of Louvain by German troops as a violation of international law and the laws of humanity was submitted to the state department today by Belgian minister Hainvilt.

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